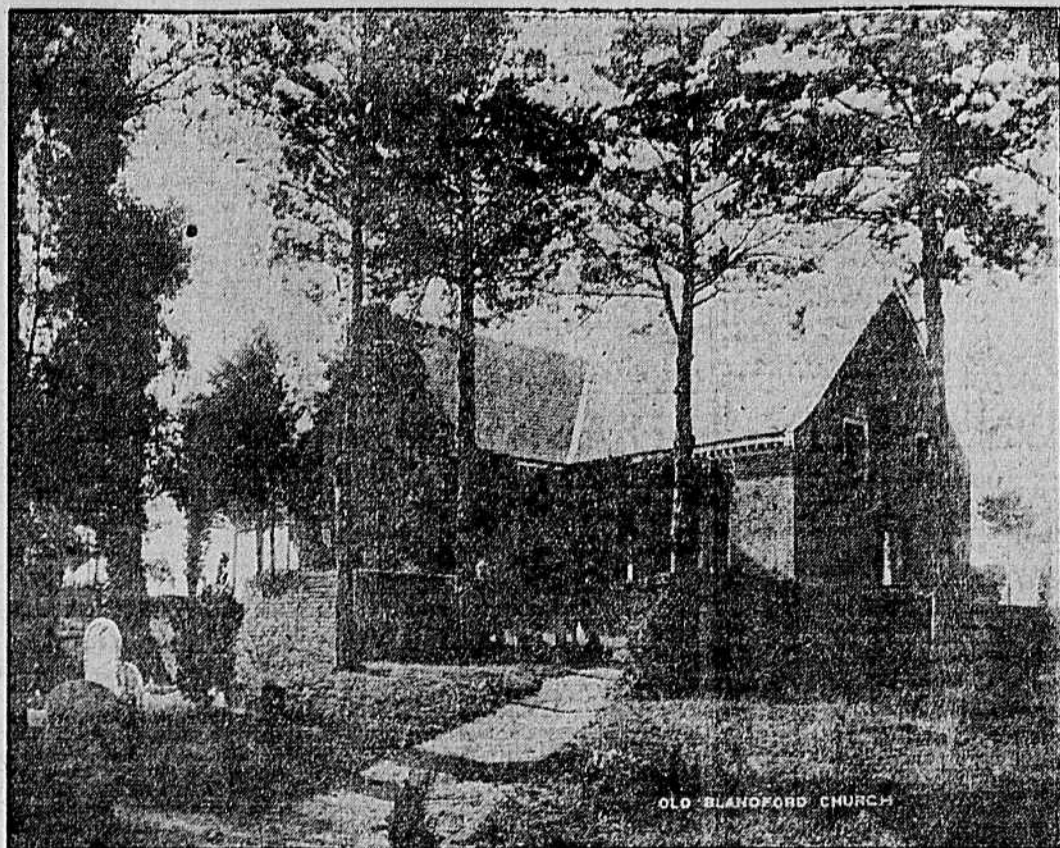
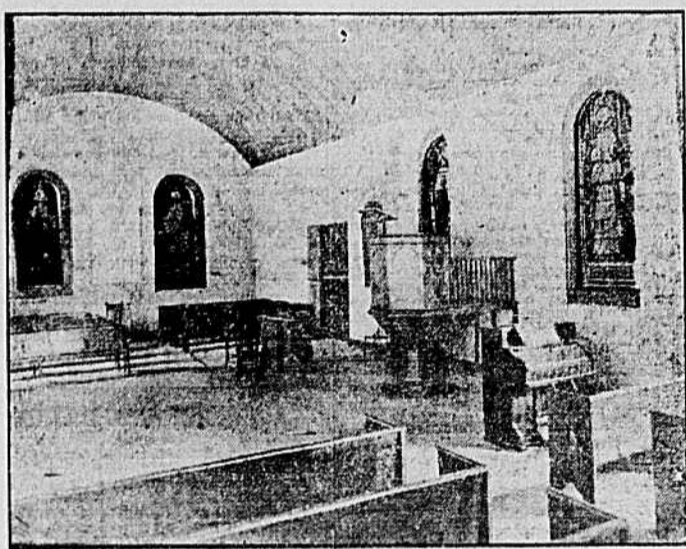


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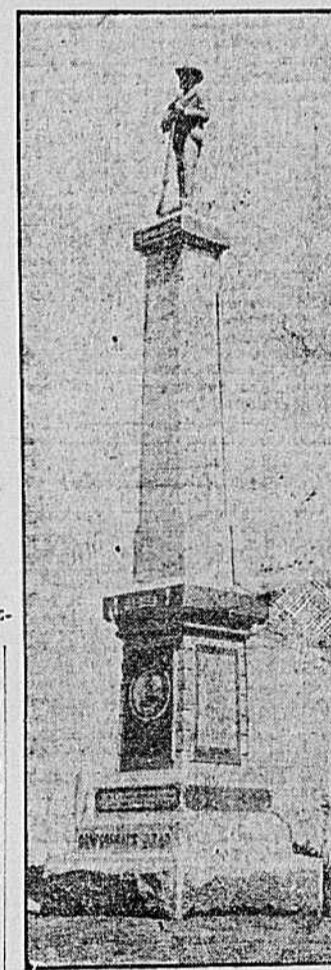
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Old Blandford Church, Petersburg, Va.

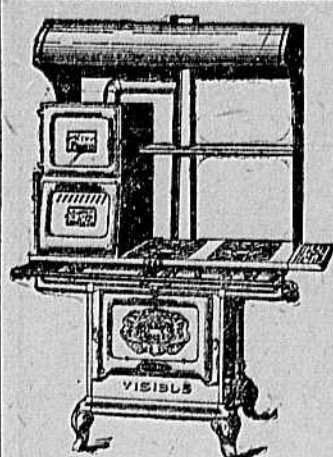
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LETTERS REVEAL PLAN TO BRIBE GEORGE WASHINGTON

Old Document Discloses Suggestion That Dukedom and Maintenance Be Offered.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, April 23.—Some interesting papers are to be found in the newly published volume of the Historical Manuscripts Commission, which contains many documents from among the treasures of Mrs. Stopford-Sackville, of Drayton House, Northamptonshire. Lord George Sackville, to whom almost all the letters quoted are addressed, was Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1775 to 1782, and received most important dispatches from the seat of the War of Independence—from Admiral Rodney, for example.

A long paper by Sir John Dalrymple contains a notable suggestion that jays somewhat on our fuller historical knowledge of Washington's disposition. It was nothing less than that the King should write a private letter to Washington offering him a dukedom and the revenue to maintain it, provided that he would ask "terms for America fair and just" such terms to be granted by the British Mr. Lloyd Dolan, the bosom friend of Washington, and at that time in London, was suggested as messenger. A host of other interesting incidents of all kinds—connected and unconnected with the war—are in these manuscripts, which include important letters from General Wolfe.

Praiseworthy Work Carried on by Petersburg Association of Women.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Petersburg, Va., April 23.—The Ladies' Memorial Association of Petersburg was organized on May 6, 1866, the year following the close of the Confederate War, by the mothers, wives and sisters of the dead and living heroes of that gigantic struggle. It was the first organization of the kind in the South, and its objects were: First, to gather up from their scattered and neglected graves around the battle-scarred and historic lines of Petersburg the hastily buried bodies of the Confederate dead and give them Christian burial, and second, to keep alive the glorious memories of deeds of valor that the true women of the South felt should not be allowed to be forgotten.

With unflinching devotion, despite the poverty that came with the end of the war, and the cruel period of reconstruction, the association steadily carried on its noble work, gathered in the Blandford Cemetery the bodies of the Confederate dead, and year by year has made its pilgrimage to the graves, decorated the sod with beautiful flowers of the spring, and with impressive ceremonies has kept alive the recollection of the cause for which the South

fought and for which its heroes gave their lives.

Thirty thousand or more Confederate soldiers, representing every Southern State, rest in Blandford Cemetery, in the "Soldiers' Section," which now for forty-four years has received at the hands of the association the tender care always due to the brave at the hands of the fair. The section has been greatly beautified by sod and concrete walkways and hedges and flowers, and on the summit of the hill stands a noble monument, erected by the association in memory of the Confederate dead.

Since the organization of the association most of the original members have passed away; but the spirit of the past still lives, and other patriotic women have always been found ready to fill the vacancies caused by death, and the children have taken up and carried on the work of the mothers. A last great effort of the association was to make a memorial that shall endure forever, in which every Southern State whose heroes sleep within the precincts of Blandford Cemetery was asked to give its aid and sympathy. This effort was to convert the historic old Blandford Church, built in 1735, standing within the holy ground into a non-sectarian mortuary chapel, which should carry down to the ages yet to come the story of a nation's high and early death.

This venerable church was vacated

as a house of worship about the year 1800. Standing within consecrated ground, it fell to the care of the city, which preserved its walls and roof through all succeeding years, though its interior went to decay and became bare. It was in the early forties that Tyrone Power, the distinguished Irish actor, while visiting Petersburg, wrote on its walls that much-cherished poem, beginning:

Thou art crumbling to the dust, old pile,
Thou art hastening to thy fall;
And round thee in thy loneliness,
Clings the ivy to thy wall.

The ivy still clings in beautiful and rich growth to the walls of the church, but the building has put on new life and is now a thing of beauty.

Standing as it did (for many years, without floors, without windows or doors) in full view of the Great battlefield, almost on the historic line in front of Petersburg, in the line of fire for ten long months, close behind the Confederate breastworks, in sight of the explosion and bloody assault at the Crater and in full view of the last brilliant charge of the Confederate troops under the gallant Gordon on Fort Steadman, the association decided that this church should be properly made a memorial chapel to commemorate the great deeds and events of the war around Petersburg and of the men of the South who participated in them.

To Restore Old Church.

The association, therefore, proposed to rehabilitate this historic old structure, to restore the interior to the original design, to repair its inner walls, to lay new flooring, to rebuild its pulpit and galleries, and to supply seats, all after the manner of 1735 to 1800, and to convert the church into a mortuary chapel, free to all for such purposes.

The Common Council turned the church over to the Memorial Association, the association went to work to accomplish its purpose, and the work has been carried to success. A further design of the association was that every State in the Confederacy should be represented in the church by a memorial window, erected in memory of its soldier dead. To his end, the endorsement of the Confederate organizations in all the States was asked and given. All but three of the States have responded and erected windows. The three missing States are Florida, Georgia and Texas, but at the coming reunion in Mobile it is expected that they will willingly fall into line.

The windows were all made at the Tiffany studios, in New York, at a cost of \$400 each. They are works of the highest order and beauty, with etched inscriptions that will never fade. The windows are of the same general design, except in foliage, figures and delicate coloring. In size they are 3 1/2 feet long and 3 1/2 feet wide. The design at the top of each window is the coat of arms and great seal of the State contributing it, with central figure one of the apostles, with an inscription below. With these windows in place, all showing to advantage, with their varied figures and beautiful, delicate colorings, the interior of the church presents an extraordinarily beautiful and impressive picture.

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those brave men of the Washington Artillery of New Orleans, La., who gave their lives for the Confederate Cause.

Virginia—Apostle, St. John. "To the glory of God and in memory of Virginia patriots and heroes of the Confederate Army. Eternal Right, tho' all else fall Can never be made wrong." Missouri—Apostle, St. Peter. "Given by the Confederate Memorial Societies of Missouri. Qui Morituri Pro Jure, Nunquam Morituri frustra." Mississippi—Apostle, St. James. "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Mississippians of the Confederate Army who fell around Petersburg, Va. For their country they gave their lives. Greater love hath no man than this." Tennessee—Apostle, St. Philip. "To the glory of God and in loving memory of our heroes of Tennessee. To live in hearts We leave behind Is not to die."

In the north gallery are half-size windows, without figures, contributed by the States of Arkansas and Maryland and bearing the seals of those States. On the Arkansas window is the inscription:

"To the glory of God and in memory

of Arkansas soldiers who died for their State."

On the Maryland window is the inscription:

"To the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Maryland's heroic sons."

To give better effect to the windows, the walls of the church are to be toned to a softer color. Some time during the month of May the windows contributed by the States of Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Maryland and Arkansas, just installed, will be dedicated with proper ceremonies, representatives from each of those States being present.

Memorial Tablets.

A number of memorial tablets commemorating historic events and personages have been placed on the walls of the church. One of these, erected by the State of Alabama, in memory of the American Revolution, is in memory of the heroes of the Revolutionary War.

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